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PAPERS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL OF SAFETY OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY IN SOUTH CAROLINA, JUNE–NOVEMBER, 1775.

[Continued from the January number.]

[19.]

A return of the officers, non=commissioned Officers, & Privates, of the Company of Capt: Kershaw. now in Camp at the Mineral Springs, near the Congreess²²

1st: Lieut : Francis Boykin }

2^d . . . Thomas Charlton²³ }

Serj:ts Alexander Smith }

Augustine Prestwood }

Drummer Thomas Wood

Privates. Robert Martin 1

Newill Barefoot 2

James Saxon 3

Uriah Goodwyn 4

Jacob Cherry 5

²² See Salley's History of Orangeburg County, 1704-1782, p. 414.

The roll of Capt. Goodwyn's company is missing.

²³, Ibid, p. 283, line 17 et seq.

| | |
|-------------------------|----|
| James Cook..... | 6 |
| Peregrine Magness..... | 7 |
| Thomas Pemble..... | 8 |
| Joseph Ferguson..... | 9 |
| Mordicai Mc Kinny..... | 10 |
| William French..... | 11 |
| Richard Nichols..... | 12 |
| Jeremiah Simmons..... | 13 |
| Thomas Howell..... | 14 |
| Thomas Coweson..... | 15 |
| John Payne..... | 16 |
| John Wright..... | 17 |
| Hugh Garton..... | 18 |
| Robert Garton..... | 19 |
| Alexander Garton..... | 20 |
| George Grey..... | 21 |
| John Grey..... | 22 |
| John Steel..... | 23 |
| John Swilla..... | 24 |
| Aaron Alexander..... | 25 |
| William Wetherford..... | 26 |
| Robert White..... | 27 |
| Henry Harmon..... | 28 |
| Samuel Sessions..... | 29 |
| Benjamin Ferguson..... | 30 |

The above is a true Copy of the officers; Non Commissioned officers & Privates. belonging to the fourth Company²⁴ of the Regimt. of Rangers commanded by Collonel W^m Thomson

Given under my Hand
7th Aug^t 1775.

ELY KERSHAW

Endorsed: Return of Capt ELY
KERSHAW's Company
of Rangers
7 Aug^t 1775.
Rec^d 11th

²⁴ Wise (1), Polk (2), and Caldwell (3).

[20.]

A return of the officers, non commissioned officers & Privates of the Company of Captain Richardson, now in Camp at the Mineral Springs near the Congrees.²⁵

| | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 1 st Lieut: | Lewis Dutarque | } | |
| 2 ⁿ | Richard Brown | } | |
| Serjeants | Reuben Bromfield | } | |
| | Joseph Fox | } | James Bachhannan Drummer. |
| Privates. | Andrew Hanah | | 1 |
| | Charles M ^c Ginney | | 2 |
| | Robert Spurlock | | 3 |
| | Benjamin Franklin | | 4 |
| | David Brunston | | 5 |
| | Ezekiel White | | 6 |
| | Zeth. Poole | | 7 |
| | Abraham Poole | | 8 |
| | W ^m Poole | | 9 |
| | Dennis Henston | | 10 |
| | W ^m Rogers | | 11 |
| | Johnston Parish | | 12 |
| | Edwin Ferril | | 13 |
| | John Mattison | | 14 |
| | Richard Singleton | | 15 |
| | Micajor Wallis | | 16 |
| | Isaac Hilton | | 17 |
| | W ^m Hilton | | 18 |
| | Isaac Brunston | | 19 |
| | W ^m Griffin | | 20 |
| | Josiah Brunston | | 21 |
| | Michael Morgan | | 22 |
| | W ^m Wood | | 23 |
| | Joseph Smith | | 24 |
| | Ben: M ^c Kinney | | 25 |
| | John Bronnaugh | | 26 |

²⁵ See note 22.

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|--------------------|----|
| John Hilton..... | 27 |
| William Sloan..... | 28 |
| Patrick Sloan..... | 29 |
| John Belsher | 30 |

The above is a true List of the officers, non commission'd officers & Privates belonging to the seventh company²⁶ of Rangers commanded by Collonel W^m Thomson.

Given under my
Hand this 7th—
Aug^t. 1775./.
E. RICHARDSON.

Endorsed : Return of Capt E.
RICHARDSON's Comp. of
Rangers 7 Aug^t 1775
Recd 11th

[21.]

A return of the officers, non=commissioned officers & Privates of the Company of Capt. Woodward, now in Camp at the Mineral SPrings, near the Congrees.

| | | |
|--|---|----|
| 1 st Lieut. . Rich ^d Wynne | } | |
| 2 ^d . . . John Woodward | } | |
| Serjeants John Smith | } | |
| William Boyd | } | |
| Drummer William Wilson..... | | 1 |
| John Owens | | 2 |
| James Pickett..... | | 3 |
| James Owens | | 4 |
| John Carr..... | | 5 |
| John Carson | | 6 |
| John Henderson..... | | 7 |
| Daniel Oaks | | 8 |
| Francis Henderson..... | | 9 |
| William Henderson | | 10 |

²⁶ Goodwyn (5), Kirkland (6).

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|--|----|
| Jacob Frazier | 11 |
| Henry Wimpey. | 12 |
| Benjamin May | 13 |
| Charnal Durham. | 14 |
| James Anderson. | 15 |
| William Rayford. | 16 |
| Matthew Rayford. | 17 |
| Benj: M ^c Graw | 18 |
| Augustine Hancock | 19 |
| William Owens. | 20 |
| John M ^c Donald. | 21 |
| Francis M ^c Donald. | 22 |
| Thomas Gather. | 23 |
| Pritchard Stone. | 24 |
| John Jactbs | 25 |
| John Bull | 26 |
| Joseph Owens. | 27 |
| Thomas Winningham. | 28 |
| Edward M ^c Graw. | 29 |
| Benjamin Mitchell | 30 |
| William Duggans. | 31 |

The above is a true List of officers Non commissioned officers, & Privates belonging to the Eighth Company of Rangers commanded by Collonel W^m Thomson

Given under my Hand

7th Aug^t 1775./

THOMAS WOODWARD

Endorsed: Return of Capt THO^s
WOODWARD's Company
of Rangers—7 Aug^t 1775
Recd. 11th

[22.]

Gentlemen

I received your esteemd favour with a talk Inclosed for the Indians. I sent for M^r Hammond & M^r Zubly & shew'd

it to them—as we were appointed by the Gent^l of the Committee in Charlestown to be a Committee of correspondence for the Creeks,—as what amunition you have promised would be but little to every one we thought if we could git as much from Charlestown it might stop their mouthes for some time 'till more could be got for them, but we receivd for answer that they had settled that point with you, and you were to take the Creeks under your care, & they were to take the Cherokees & Catawbass under theirs—Mr^r Rae was down here & says he has receiv'd no order from you yet how the Amunition is to be disposed of I shew'd him the Talk & the letter I had from you, he says he does not know the man that is to see it deliverd in the Nation—if it is not equally Shared it will do more hurt than good. I told Mr^r Rae I thought the best way would be one half to be carried to the Parachukclass in the lower Town which is near the Center & have the Head men Call'd from every Town & delever it to them with the Talk & let them Share it ammongst there People the oak frieshes & oak Joiese in the Same manner in the uper Towns. I told Mr^r Rae if he woud go up him self David Holmes & my Indian Son shoud go up with him which he agreed to—but since that Holmes receiv'd a Letter from Mr^r Pooler that you woud not let there Goods be sent up—for the last Indians that went from here I told them when the went home to tell the Indians that there was so much Amunition going up to be given them from the beloved Men of Georgia and it was all that could be spared now but that there was other Goods enuff come in & they woud go up at the same time for I did not think in the least that them Goods woud be Stopped. I always take care to avoid telling the Indians a Lie & that is the reason they put so much Confidance in me for once they find a person tells them lies they never put more Confidance in him afterwards any Person that advised the Stopping the Goods from the Indians knows nothing of Indians and are not your friends for once the find the trade is Stopped from them it will not be in the

power of any Man to keep them peaceable Longer Mr Rae told me their was an Indian at his House Just come from the Nation & Says Mr Tate is returned from Pancecola and gave out a Talk amongst the Indians but the Indians woud not take his talk but went of dissatisfied. but the fellow will not tell what the Talk was. he says he did not hear it if you will ask Mr Mc Gilverry's opinion what he may think the Consequences will be of Stoping the Goods from the Indians, if any person has a design of setting the Indians upon us it will be a fair opportunity for them to gain their point. the Gentlemen of the Committee of Charlestown has appointed Stephen Forster for Lingester there is none so good gose to the Nation, he is very much liked by the Indians in the Lower Towns & if you shoud want one for the upper Towns. Jack Cornel is the best their—The Gent of the Committee wrote me you woud send up Instructions to Foster how to Act in the Nation You will please send them by first oppy. as Mr Rae will send of the Amunition in four or Five Days I will do all in my power to keep them peaceable but it is hard for a Man to Work without Tools—the expence of carrying up the Amunition might have been saved for the people in trade woud have carried it up for nothing but as that is Settled it will make no great ods, I suppose the Gentlemen of Augusta has acquainted you of the danger they are in from one Fletcher they say he is coming against thim with Seven or Eight Hundred men and is reported that afterwards he is to come here. please God I am going to Augusta in the morning to know the Certainty of it. if so we must praper to receve thim, I am Gentⁿ with respect &C^o

(Signed. GEORGE GALPHIN)

(Copp)

Aug^t 9th 1775———

To The Councill of Safety

Savannah——

Endorsed : Copy of GEO GALPHIN's
Letter 9th August 1775
to Council of Safety in
Savanna—

[23.]

Charles Town 11. August 1775

Sir

Inclosed you will find Copies of three Letters the Contents of which are very alarming.—one dated 6th Ins^t from the Committee at Augusta to the Council of Safety at Savanna—one from that Council dated the 8th to the Council of Safety in Charles Town & the third from Capt Moses Kirkland to to his late Lieutent^t Middleton, which are recommended by the Council of Safety to your particular attention.

I have by order of the Council & by the bearer of this written to Coll^o Thomson & inclosed to him Copies of the abovementioned Letters.²⁷

Coll^o Thomson is enjoined to exert his utmost endeavours for the Interest of the general Cause in this dangerous conjuncture & to avail himself if possible of your advice—If you are in the neighborhood of his Camp he will lay before you his Instructions, which from necessity are general, & the Council of Safety being perfectly satisfied that you will leave nothing undone that shall appear to be necessary have not charged me with any particular direction to trouble you with.

I flatter my self with hopes that your success in the main business of your journey will be found to have anticipated our wishes & that the intelligence from Augusta will prove unbottomed.—I am with great regard

Sir
by Order——

P. S.

you know what ought to be done
when practicable with Safety in the
Case of Kirkland——
this Instant a Letter returned from Capt. Lempriere

²⁷ See Salley's History of Orangeburg County, 1704—1782, p. 417.

arrived with Success beyond expectation—Six Tons—collected at Sea.—

Honble M^r Drayton

Endorsed : Copy 11th August 1775.

TO W^m HENRY DRAYTON

[24.]

Charles Town 12th August 1775.

Gentlemen—

Capt Clement Lempriere arrived a few days ago at your Port in a small Vessel having on board a quantity of Gun powder for the service of this Colony which we are informed is landed in Beaufort. We think it expedient to lodge twenty Barrels of the said Powder in a safe Magazine or Store in or near Beaufort to be in readiness for removal if necessary to Georgia. We therefore request you to take the trouble of receiving & Storing that quantity observing that none of it is Cannon powder which is easily distinguished by marks on the Barrels,—the inclosed Letter to Capt Lempriere directs the delivery—If you shall think it necessary to keep a Guard upon the Store House your Bill on us for the charges which will be thereby incurred shall be paid.

If the Council of Safety at Savanna at any time shall send for said powder you will deliver it to their Order being first well assured of the authenticity of the application.

By order of the Council of Safety

—H L

The Committee at Beaufort Port Royal—

by Ph. Will under Cover to D. Desaussure Esq }

Sir

In Reviewing the transactions which by order of the Council of Safety employed me till near 1 oClock this morning, I discovered the omission of those Copies of Letters which you were referred to in the Letter which I had the honour of writing to you by the hands of Philip Will.

You will receive them under this Cover & in so short a time after the delivery of the former Papers as to remove any apprehension of damage to the public service from my Error.—I have the honour to be

your most obed^t Serv^t

Charles Town 13th August 1775—

Recommended for dispatch

to the particular care of Mr Tibout—

Endorsed: Copies to Col^o BULL & Comm^{ee} of
Beaufort—

[25.]

Addressed: To

THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY

In Charles Town

ꝑ favour Post } .

Pee Dee Prince Fredricks Parish,²⁸

July 21st 1775

Worthy Gentle Men/

This to Inform you I live in A District on the south wst side of pee dee River, and on the north Est side of Linches Crick, from the mouth of s^d Linches Crick up to willow Crick, all Inclusive, which s^d District has not bin Disciplened this fifteen years past, and as I think the present state of this provence, as well as the Rest of the Colonies, is an Object that Requires Every Mans attention, and Exertion, to put him self in a proper position of defence against his Enemies. Both forreign and Domestick, I therefore have summonsed the male inhabitants of s^d District to Assemble together to Choose there officers to teach them the Military Discipline and make them usefull if Called on to March Against Our Enimies, They Cheerfully Obayed my sommons, and Assembled together and Did me the Honnour

²⁸ From the private collection of A. S. Salley, Jr. See *The Sunday News*, Charleston, S. C., March 19, 1899.

unanimously to Choos me for there Cap^t., Mr Hugh Giles, first Leu^t., Mr Tho^s Potts second Leu^t.—we therefore Requier Commissions from you to impower us to Act as you may Direct, But we Humbly Begg your Indulgence to give us Liberty to Devide the Above District in two Companies as it is very Ill Convenient for the hole to Assemble together once A fortnight to dwo duty, the District being thirty Miles in Length, And A hundred men in s^d District—Gentle Men if it is your pleasure to grant this Request I wood Requier Our Commissions or the Lower part of s^d District, and when officers Are Chosen for the upper part, I will make them known to you—I also make application in Behalf of Another District Destetute of officers, Above Ours Agasent in s^d parish from the Above s^d willow Crick up to black Crick, which on My Request has assembled together and Choose there officers, viz.—James Gregg: Cap^t Robert Scott and John Gregg Jun^r there Leu^t. these Gentle Men Also Requier Commissions of you, your Compliyance by the Post will much oblige An Onfeigned friend to America And Am Gentle men your Humble Ser^t

THO^s POST

NB/

I have the pleasure to inform
you that Every man of the above Districts
that has Assembled together has signd
the Assotiation without one Desenting Voice—

Endorsed: Tho^s Post 21st July 1775.

Rec^d 1st August

Answ^d 13th

[26.]

Charles Town 13th August

Sir——

1775²⁹

Inclosed under this Cover you will receive Commissions

²⁹ From the private collection of A. S. Salley, Jr., See *The Sunday News*, Charleston, S. C., March 19, 1899.

for two of the Volunteer Companies applied for in your Letter of the 21st July, which did not reach us till the 1st Inst, Viz^t that to be commanded by your self & that which is to be commanded by Capt. Gregg—in describing the district we have conformed as nearly as we could understand that part of your Letter which we hope will prove to be exact—if there shall appear to be any material Error—New Commissions shall be made out.

You may undoubtedly raise an additional Company in your district as you say there are a sufficient number of Men for that purpose & when you transmit the names of Officers poperly chosen We shall Certify their appointment & send you the Commissions—

By order &c

H L


‡ We highly Commend your Zeal & public Spirit on this occasion—

Endorsed : Copy to Capt Post

13 Augst

Ad with Commission

to Capt G Cogdell

 for G C Lieut^t

Paul Lepeir—

[27.]

Charles Town 13th August 1775.

Sir.

We have received a Letter dated the 7th ³⁰ Inst signed by your self & Mr Tennant also yours of the 9th ³¹ & have taken both under our consideration.

We are truly sensible of your Zeal & diligence in the

³⁰ See Drayton's Memoirs, Vol. I. p. 331. Salley's Hist. Orangeburg County, 1704—1782, p. 284 et seq. Gibbes's Documentary History, 1764—1776, p. 128 et seq.

³¹ Ibid, p. 134. Salley's Hist. Orangeburg, 1704—1782, p. 291 et seq.

public service & rejoice to learn that your endeavours have been so far crowned with success. Yourself & your fellow Labourers in the present arduous task are intitled to the highest acknowledgements from your Country.

The General Committee are to meet to Morrow Morning at an early hour for the express purpose of considering the Case of Mess^{rs} Dunn & Boote

We think it best to postpone the consideration of a Military appointment for Mr Sumpter until your return or till we more clearly understand what Duty he proposes to take upon himself & upon what consideration. You were probably misinformed of Capt Kirkland's intention of coming to Charles Town—the Copy of an intercepted Letter which you will receive in a packet with this shews that he was to have attended an Election at Cuffee Town on the very date of your Letter—such a Watch is set as will not suffer him to pass unnoticed if he appears here in day light. but as we much doubt his venturing We desire you will spare no expence to secure & have him brought hither if that can be done with safety. We have signed Eight Commissions for Officers in the Regiment of Rangers—these go to Coll^o Thomson by this conveyance, he will explain to you the particulars—We do not understand whether you mean to ask for a Commission as Surgeons Mate for Lieut^t Charlton in lieu of or in addition to his Lieutenancy, if the former, although we are not expressly authorized yet for the good of the service we might find means to accommodate him—but you know that a double Commission would be directly contrary to a Resolution of the provincial Congress—this article therefore must unavoidably wait for explanation.—³²

It well becomes us to be frugal of the public Treasure & we are sorry to find that you have been obliged to draw upon us for the purchase of more Horses, but we do not recollect any service for which we have paid with more

³² See Salley's History of Orangeburg County, 1704—1782, pp. 290—91, 294 and 423. Ante p. 1.

cheerfulness than we shall honour draught upon this occasion.

Your putting off the Election for Delegates at Congaree appears from the reason you have assigned to have been a step necessary & judicious & we hope there will be no objection made against it in Congress—no doubt but that through the Contrivances of Mr Kirkland & his confederates Elections have been interrupted & even prevented in several other places; wherever you discover such Instances we recommend to you to animate the people to appoint a proper Day & give the most public notice of their intention to choose & then proceed to the choice of deputies to Represent them in Congress in December.

Neufer went into the Country with Summer at our special request & as we believe upon public expence, if those Men should carry double forces we must find out means for reducing them to order—

We shall lay before the General Committee to Morrow the necessity, for appointing proper persons to deprive Non associates from enjoying the benefits of a free intercourse with the Inhabitants of this Town & we are persuaded that hereafter such persons will not find it so easy to dispose of their Flour & other Merchandize here as Mr Summer was pleased to intimate—he had no reason to boast from his own experience—

You will receive by this conveyance Commissions properly signed for Officers to form six Volunteer Companies, Blanks left for names dates & district to be filled by you, which you will dispose of as you shall judge for the service & Interest of the Colony whenever the names of fifty Subscribers for Rank & File are produced to you together with the names of Officers chosen by such fifty for forming one Company to be restricted to 75 Men—the names of Officers & Men of each Company so formed to be duly returned to us with the dates of Commissions these Companies should be informed how far they are exempted from the orders of their former Field Officers & that if these should attempt to

thwart & vex them in revenge for their associating in Volunteer Companies the Council of Safety will certainly remove such Field Officers—the people should also be made sensible of the illegality of granting Warrants & processes for recovering Debts contrary to the Resolution of the provincial Congress—

Although we are sensible of the benefit which this board would receive from our personal attendance yet we cannot help expressing our opinion that your continuance in prosecution of the present plan will redound greatly to public advantage therefore we wish it may consist with your own inclinations & Interest to persevere for some weeks longer in the work which you have in hand & that you may meet with uninterrupted success.

Capt Lempriere returned 4 or 5 days ago to Beaufort with about six Tons Gun powder of the very best quality 20 Barrels of which we have ordered to rest where it is subject to the order of the Council of safety at Savanna & the remainder we have sent for under a proper guard ∴ We pray God to protect you——

By order of &c——

In M^r Drayton's Packet

A Packet to M^r Tennant

a Lr to him from P T—

the above from the Council & their Lr

of the 11th

24 Commissions

∅ M^c Ginney & Demer.

Endorsed : Copy 13th August 1775
To W^m H. DRAYTON

[28.]

Charlestown 16th Aug^t 1775.³³

We whose Names are hereunto subscribed do mutually agree to unite, and form a Company of Foot; to be commanded by

That the said Company shall consist of One Captain three Lieutenants one ensign a Serjeant Major, four serjeants, four Corporals, and One hundred privates or whatever other number the Council of Safety will allow.—

That the officers be chosen by Ballot from among the subscribers

That as soon as fifty have subscribed a Meeting be called to appoint a Committee to apply for Commissions, to determine on a proper Uniform, to choose the Officers and to consider of Rules proper to be observed by the Company.

That it is strongly recommended, that the Uniform be; Scarlet French Frock Coats—with white Lappels Collars & Cuffs with white Buttons & white waistcoat & Breeches; to wear Buskins & Black Garters The officers by way of Distinction to wear Silver Epaulets—a Silver Girdle & Loop & Button in their hats—to have Silver Gorgets on which to be engraved in a Circle an armed hand holding a drawn sword—round which a Motto “Et Deus omnipotens”—The privates to wear military cocked hats with Cockades.

1 Charles Drayton
2 Jn^o Gilbank
3 Geo: Grey
4 Geo: Jno: Fardo
5 Wm H. Roberts:/:
6 Ed North
7 Wm Rudhall
8 Wm Day
9 Daniel Wilson
10 Joseph B. Hollier

11 Jas G., Williams
12 Joseph Jennings
13 Thomas Storkiff
14 Jn^o Maromet.
15 James West
16 Andw Thomson
17 Henry Kennan
18 Samuel Hutchins
19 Wm Jordan—
20 Thos Fenwick

³³ From the private collection of A. S. Salley, Jr. See *The Sunday News*, Charleston, S. C., March 12, 1899.

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 21 Jacob Michau | 39 Frans Morelli |
| 22 John Ewing Colhone ³⁴ | 40 John Johnson |
| 23 Harry Michie | 41 John Raphael |
| 24 Ripley Singleton | 42 James Holmes |
| 25 Erskine Kennedy | 43 Jacob Tobias |
| 26 Peter Bremar | 44 Robt Testard |
| 27 Thomas Theonin | 45 Joseph Day |
| 28 William Greenage | 46 Daniel Keeffy |
| 29 Abram Maddock | 47 Patrick Dougherty |
| 30 Richd Morgan | 48 Nichs Smith |
| 31 John Griggs | 49 John Davis |
| 32 Wm Hamilton Cole | 50 Edmd Fitzpatrick |
| 33 Thomas Conn | 51 Bracy Singleton |
| 34 Robert Leavengston | 52 John Mills— |
| 35 Jas Leeson | 53 Lewis Linder |
| 36 James Stobo | 54 Alexander Fitzpatrick |
| 37 John Moore | 55 Thos Capers |
| 38 Matw Murphy | 56 Peter T. F Gee |
| | 57 John Howard |
| | 58 Jos. Glover Junr ³⁵ |
| | 59 Alexander Horn |
| 60 Joshua Eden | 63 Samson Clarke |
| 61 William Mc Kinnon | 64 Tho's Middleton Junr |
| 62 John Hybart | |

Endorsed : List of Capt DRAYTON's
Volunteer Comp?

³⁴ Undoubtedly this is John Ewing Calhoun, subsequently United States Senator from South Carolina from March 4, 1801 to the date of his death, Nov. 3, 1802. The signature is his own and his spelling of his name at that date, being then a young lawyer in Charleston, is striking.

³⁵ Scratched out.

[*To be continued in the next number of this Magazine.*]